

billion. I might say to my colleagues, saving \$18 billion for the use for research and health care and all these other things.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a list of the public health groups that signed the core principles be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

The following public health groups signed the "Core Principles":

American Heart Association
American Public Health Association
American Cancer Society
Americans for Nonsmokers Rights
American Association for Respiratory Care
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American School Health Association
American College of Preventative Medicine
Association of Schools of Public Health
Interreligious Coalition on Smoking OR Health
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
Oncology Nursing Society
Family Voices
Partnership for Prevention
National Hispanic Medical Association
Coalition for Health and Agriculture Development (KY)
Kentucky Action
American Cancer Society (KY)
American Heart Association (KY)
American Lung Association (KY)
Kentucky Dental Association (KY)
Kentucky Medical Association
Kentucky Parent Teachers Association
Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Kentucky Smokeless States Project
Albermarle County (VA) Medical Society
Virginia Public Health Association
Georgia Public Health Association

Mr. FORD. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I understand that the distinguished Senator from South Carolina wishes to make a statement. And I am more than willing to yield to him.

Mr. THURMOND. Thank you.

Mr. FORD. I understand he needs about 5 minutes.

Mr. THURMOND. About 6 or 7.

Mr. FORD. Well, that is pretty close. So, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the distinguished President pro tempore be recognized for what time is necessary, and that after he has completed his statement, that I be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. I wish to thank the distinguished Senator for his courtesy.

Mr. FORD. I appreciate you being a cosponsor on my LEAF Act, too.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, thank you.

(The remarks of Mr. THURMOND pertaining to the introduction of S. 2176 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Again, I wish to thank the able Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. FORD. I thank the Senator.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. FORD. I do not know that there are a great deal of additional thoughts that we need to discuss. I could go down—one of the things that I want people to understand is that we are not just doing away with the tobacco quota. Oh, we are paying them some money, but the average, I don't think, is going to be much over \$20,000, divided by 3 years. And the taxes are paid.

Anywhere from 15 to 20 percent of the value of Kentucky farmland is based on the tobacco quota. In rural Kentucky, banks will not lend to farmers unless they know the value of their tobacco quota. Real estate does not sell without disclosing the amount of tobacco quota on a farm. You can't sell a farm without disclosing that. That is an important feature.

If you read the real estate section of the Kentucky newspapers, you will see the amount of tobacco quota advertised with the sale of the farmland. So if the program is done away with, then the value of the land is reduced anywhere from 15 to 20 percent, and that is up to \$7 billion. So we are not only taking away the livelihood, we are also reducing the value of the product this farmer has worked all his life to hold.

There is something here that I believe is fundamental—fairness. And under the Lugar bill, that is not fair. So this will have major, devastating consequences on the tax base in rural Kentucky—all because of the hostility of title XV toward the small tobacco farm.

The Lugar alternative is really no alternative at all when you look at what happens to that tobacco farmer. It gives him a little money, and he is out. And we reduce the value of his land. He pays big sums of tax on it. If it is 20 percent, fine, but he has to figure some way.

So, Mr. President, I do not know what the majority leader or the Democratic leader would like to do. I understand we have a joint meeting tonight, with both sides, beginning at 6:30. We are getting reasonably close to that. So in order to find out if it is all right with the Senator from Indiana, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a

period for the transaction of routine morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WHITE HOUSE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today is a very special day for both our nation's serving law enforcement officers and myself.

At 3:00 this afternoon, Arapahoe County Sheriff Pat Sullivan and I were at the White House attending a ceremony where the President signed into law the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. The enactment of this bill is near and dear to my heart.

During the years I served as a Deputy Sheriff in Sacramento County, California, I gained a first-hand understanding of the dangers our law enforcement officers face in the line of duty. Our brave men and women wearing a badge simply never know what life threatening dangers each new day may bring. We must do everything we can to help these officers acquire the equipment they need to stay alive while they are going about the job of protecting the American people and preserving the peace.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act will help get one of the most critical and effective pieces of life saving equipment, namely body armor, into the hands of thousands of cops who would not otherwise have the resources to access it. Simply put, this bill will save many, many lives. This bill will help prevent wives from becoming widows, husbands from becoming widowers, and children from being raised without their father or mother.

On this special day, it is fitting to pay a tribute to one very special law enforcement officer who was killed recently while serving in the line of duty. Officer Bruce VanderJagt was killed by a hail of bullets in Denver, Colorado in November, 1997. His untimely death left his wife, Anna Marie, without her husband, and his two-year-old daughter, Hayley Louise, without her devoted father. Officer Bruce VanderJagt is remembered for his charm, his exceptional humility, his wit and intelligence as exemplified by the two master's degrees he earned, and the courage that earned him two distinguished service crosses. He will be missed.

We must do all we can to protect law enforcement officers like Bruce VanderJagt. If even one law enforcement officer's life is saved by a bullet proof vest that would not have been available without this law, all of our hard work that went into getting this bill through Congress and today enacted into law, will have been well worth it.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12 noon, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2888. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees.

H.R. 3494. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2888. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

H.R. 3494. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1023. An act to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated antihemophilic factor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-460. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Colorado; ordered to lie on the table.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98-005

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives (H.R. 2625) and the United States Senate (S. 1297) to rename the Washington National Airport as the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport"; and

Whereas, this federal legislation is intended to honor one of the greatest and most loved presidents of the United States; and

Whereas, president Ronald Reagan left the United States and the world a legacy of prosperity and freedom; and

Whereas, naming the gateway to the nation's capital after President Ronald Reagan is a fitting tribute to his contributions to our nation and to the world; and

Whereas, this dedication should be completed in honor of President Reagan's eighty-seventh birthday on February 6, 1998; Be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein: That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, encourage the President and the Congress of the United States to enact

legislation to rename the Washington National Airport as the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

Be it further resolved That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Colorado delegation to the Congress of the United States.

POM-461. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, conceived in 1964 as a Federal-State partnership program, was created to expand the Nation's park and recreation system through funds received from off-shore oil leasing fees; and

Whereas, since 1995, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has not been funded, thereby denying States the opportunity to provide recreational facilities for families; and

Whereas, this lack of funding has hampered the States ability to effectively protect its valuable natural resources; and

Whereas, over \$127,000,000 could have been leveraged through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont had the stateside funding been available; and

Whereas, the reinstatement of this funding will directly affect the quality of life we can provide to our citizens and the protection we can give to our natural resources; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States to reinstate full stateside funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to give States the means necessary to preserve their natural resources and open space from urban centers to coastal zones; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the clerk of the House of Representatives to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from this Commonwealth.

POM-462. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Whereas, our country is strongly committed to equality of opportunity. An important government body working to put this commitment into action is the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the nation's leading civil rights enforcement agency; and

Whereas, the EEOC currently has a backlog of 65,000 cases of discrimination to investigate to pursue justice for individual citizens victimized by unfair and illegal practices. The EEOC needs to direct its resources to these individuals, rather than to the pursuit of trying to find new instances of possible problems. It is much more prudent to handle specific cases of discrimination than to direct energies to test employers by using decoy job applicants to look for discriminatory behavior; and

Whereas, the administration's recommendation of increased spending for the EEOC is appropriate if the increased funds are targeted to address the backlog of discrimination cases that need to be investigated. The men and women victimized by discrimination deserve the protection of the EEOC and should not be made to wait longer

while resources are directed to less productive activities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, that we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase funding to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to handle the backlog of individual cases; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-463. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 56

Whereas overcapitalization of fish harvesting capacity in the Bering Sea has resulted in highly compressed, derby-style fisheries; and

Whereas overcapitalized fisheries typically lead to excessive exploitation of a fishery resource, often resulting in a precipitous decrease in the economic yield of the fishery resource; and

Whereas the State of Alaska values sustainable fishery management principles, which include minimizing bycatch and waste, maximizing utilization of the fishery resources harvested, minimizing adverse effects of fishing gear on fish habitat, and maximizing economic returns on the public fishery resource for the benefit of Alaska communities and the citizens of the United States on the whole; and

Whereas Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska has, with the cosponsorship of Senators Murkowski, Breaux, and Hollings, introduced S. 1221, "American Fisheries Act"; and

Whereas S. 1221 would effectively limit fishing capacity in the Bering Sea fishing fleet through vessel size limitations and ownership requirements; and

Whereas S. 1221 would limit the maximum length, tonnage, and shaft horsepower of vessels engaging in domestic fisheries in the United States navigable waters and exclusive economic zone; and

Whereas S. 1221 would require that at least 75 percent of the controlling interest of a vessel engaged in the fisheries in the United States navigable waters and exclusive economic zone be owned by citizens of the United States; and

Whereas S. 1221 would correct a loophole in the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Anti-Reflagging Act of 1987 that allowed vessels that were rebuilt in foreign shipyards to enter the fisheries off Alaska; and

Whereas S. 1221 would permanently prohibit federal loan guarantees for any vessel intended for use as a fishing vessel that does not meet size, tonnage, horsepower, and domestic ownership criteria; and

Whereas S. 1221 would effectively promote further Americanization of the fisheries of the United States;

Be it resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature supports those provisions of S. 1221, the "American Fisheries Act," that would reduce the fishing capacity of the Bering Sea fishing fleet and promote the Americanization of the fisheries of the United States; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress to pass S. 1221.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the